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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

*A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.*

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Picco et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,029,045).

Regarding claim 1, Picco discloses a same method as a first set of (television) channels based on a predetermined criteria related to a viewer's preference, and also inserting into the first set of channels a first channel not selected (by the viewer) based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewer's preference (refer to col. 3/line 43 to col. 4/line 12 for local content can be added to the viewer's channel at some predetermined time based on the predetermined criteria of the viewer's preference; and col. 6/lines 17-41 for advertisements are inserted into a broadcasting channel which is not selected by the viewer, yet the content is related to the viewer's preference based on the predetermined criteria).

As for claim 2, Picco teaches this feature as the system operator inserts the content into a first channel of the first set of channels (col. 5/lines 19-54).

As for claim 3, Picco teaches this feature as the system disallows the insertion when some content does not match the criteria related to the viewing preference (Fig. 9, at steps 234 & 236, col. 13/lines 42-52).

As for claim 4, Picco further teaches this feature as the time expiration for the displaying content on the channel can be predetermined (col. 6/line 62 to col. 7/line 6).

As for claim 5, Picco further teaches this feature as the viewer statistics can be collected and used for targeting appropriate local contents based on the viewer's geographic location (col. 6/line 62 to col. 7/line 32 for users' data or profile is collected within a local area).

As for claim 6, Picco teaches this feature as the channel is selected based on a predetermined subject matter (col. 6/lines 17-41 for an example of "automobiles" as a predetermined subject matter of automobile is presented).

Regarding claims 7, Picco discloses: "A machine-readable medium that provides instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to operations" (Fig. 7/item 120 -Set top box, which has CPU 188 for execute the program), comprising:

a first set of (television) channels based on a predetermined criteria related to a viewer's preference, and also inserting into the first set of channels a first channel not selected (by the viewer) based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewer's preference (refer to col. 3/line 43 to col. 4/line 12 for local content can be added to the viewer's channel at some predetermined time based on the predetermined criteria of the viewer's preference; and col. 6/lines 17-41 for advertisements are inserted into a broadcasting channel which is not selected by the viewer, yet the content is related to the viewer's preference based on the predetermined criteria).

As for claim 8 and 14, Picco teaches this feature as the system operator inserts the content into a first channel of the first set of channels (col. 5/lines 19-54).

Regarding claim 9 and 15, Picco further disclose this feature as the system disallows the insertion when some content does not match the criteria related to the viewing preference (Fig. 9, at steps 234 & 236, col. 13/lines 42-52).

As for claim 10 and 16, Picco further teaches this feature as the time expiration for the displaying content on the channel can be predetermined (col. 6/line 62 to col. 7/line 6).

As for claim 11 and 17, Picco further teaches this feature as the viewer statistics can be collected and used for targeting appropriate local contents based on the viewer's geographic location (col. 6/line 62 to col. 7/line 32 for users' data or profile is collected within a local area).

As for claim 12 and 18, Picco teaches this feature as the channel is selected based on a predetermined subject matter (col. 6/lines 17-41 for an example of "automobiles" as a predetermined subject matter of automobile is presented).

Regarding claim 13, Picco discloses a system comprising: a first unit to providing a first set of channels, the first set of channels selected based on a predetermined criteria related to a viewing preference of a viewer, and a second unit coupled with the unit to insert into the first set of channels a first channel not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing preference of the viewer (col.3/line 14-37).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Newberry et al and Srinivasan (PTO-892 attached) disclose systems related to provide channel related to the viewer's preference based on the predetermined criteria.

4. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krista Kieu-Oanh Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-7291. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353.

Art Unit: 2611

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